

## Re: HELP! Going back to XP from Vista Ultimate...

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All computer manufacturers are obliged by MS to provide some way to reinstall/repair /recover the OEM installation. Some provide separate CD..others have a "recovery" partition that needs to be activated upon boot. The manual that came with your unknown system should tell you how to do that. most of these "recovery" procedures wipe all info on the HD and put the system back to when 1st purchased. This means that everything on that drive will be gone...so be sure you have the reinstallation medium for all programs that you have added since purchase. You ,of course,should back up all of your personal files.

If during the Vista install you actually got rid of that "recovery" partition then you might have no choice but to go out and purchase XP...either a retail version or contact the maker of your computer and purchase the "recovery"CD specific to your model. On the Vista newsgroups there is lots of info and advice. Most of the installation advice suggests a Clean New install not an upgrade install...maybe that's where your problem lies. My Vista installation was a new installation and I have yet to run across a program that Vista will not run. I have gone to the Hardware Manufact. websites and updated 99% of my drivers to Vista drivers.

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I've been having all sorts of problems with Vista. I really need to go back to XP. I've found a good number of articles on how to do just that, but every way that I've read on how to do it requires the Windows XP disks. My computer did not come with it, it came pre-installed (OEM version). My hard drive is partitioned; C drive contains Vista and D drive contains the backup of XP. Is there any way I can go back to XP considering that it appears to still be on my hard drive? Is there any way I can boot directly from D drive

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instead of the C drive? Would doing that load up XP? I did not do a "clean install" of Vista, I only did the upgrade. If worse comes to worse and there's no way in the world to get XP back on without the disks, could Microsoft send them to me considering that I had XP pre-installed (OEM)? Am I asking too many questions? Sorry, I just really need to go back to XP, Vista keeps crashing on practically 90% of all my programs that ran fine with XP. Would it be illegal to ask someone to send me a copy of theirs?